



**The RLS Club was formed in 1920 by those who had known Stevenson and who wanted to care for his memory.**

The Club's main objective is 'to foster interest in Stevenson's life and works'. Since 1920 this has been met by exhibitions, lectures, readings, literary competitions, and the maintenance of the first Edinburgh RLS museum at his birthplace (8 Howard Place) from 1925 to 1964 when the Club's collection of RLS memorabilia was transferred to the City of Edinburgh's Writers' Museum in the Lawnmarket.

Since 1920, the Club has held an annual RLS Dinner or Lunch at which literary and public figures like Walter de la Mare, John Buchan, J.B. Priestley and Ludovic Kennedy have spoken.

In 1985, on the Centenary of *A Child's Garden of Verses*, the Club launched an international appeal which raised funds

- to create a memorial to RLS in West Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh — designed by the Scottish artist-poet Ian Hamilton Finlay in the form of a coppice of birch trees round a simple stone column, this memorial was inaugurated in 1989.
- to endow the RLS Memorial Trust to help children with respiratory diseases — a 'living memorial' and *continuing* commitment in memory of RLS. Fund-raising for the Trust has been added to the Club's objectives.

In 1994 the Club played an important part in the Centenary of the death of RLS, when the writer was celebrated in a host of events in many countries.

In 2000 the Club marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of RLS with events and the publication of a *Birthday Book*.

The Club currently organises events throughout the year and publishes the *RLS Club News* in April and October. Whenever possible, the Club arranges additional benefits for Members, such as discounts on RLS-related purchases.

The Club, which has members world-wide, has close links with the RLS Club of Monterey, California, and is twinned with the Association sur le Chemin de RLS in the Cévennes, France.

**The Club is always eager to welcome new members, whether beginners or established enthusiasts, so that enjoyment of his writing will be maintained and enhanced wherever and whenever possible.**

## THE ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON CLUB Application for Membership

### Please enrol me as a Member:

Junior Membership (up to age 16)	£ 5.00 pa
Annual Membership	£ 25.00 pa
Overseas Membership	£ 30.00 pa
Dual Membership (spouses/partners)	£ 30.00 pa
School/Club Membership	£ 30.00 pa
*Ten Year Membership (Single)	£180.00
*Ten Year Membership (Dual)	£250.00
*(payable over 2 yrs)	
Corporate Membership	please contact Secretary
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- I enclose payment for the subscription ticked.  
 I enclose a donation of £.....for the RLS Memorial Trust.

Please make cheques payable to 'The RLS Club' and send to the Membership Secretary:  
 Tom Murison, 19/13 Roseburn Maltings,  
 Edinburgh EH12 5LL

Signature
Date
Full name and title
Address
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*Please consider completing the Gift Aid Declaration Form overleaf to enable the Club to reclaim tax on subscriptions paid.*

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I wish to subscribe to the Robert Louis Stevenson Club (the RLS Club) by Standing Order

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Please pay the Robert Louis Stevenson Club

Subscription..... £

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**Overseas Membership - Credit Card Payments:**

For the benefit of both the Club and members resident abroad, it is recommended that all payments to the Club be made by PayPal in order to avoid the excessive bank charges incurred when drawing and encashing bank drafts or cheques.

Please contact the Membership Secretary for the necessary form to make a payment with PayPal

The Membership Secretary will be glad to provide any further details or explanation that may be required.

The Club is always keen to develop the interests of Members in relation to RLS. If there are any topics or activities you would like to have considered for the programme or *Club News*, please let us know.



The RLS Club is part of the European Network In the Footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson, certified as a European Cultural Route

To raise funds for the Club or the RLS Memorial Trust, the Club Committee may make address lists available to outside agencies so that Club Members can be informed of RLS events or publications. If you do NOT want your name to be used for this purpose, please tick this box:

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**Gift Aid**

Your Gift Aid signature will increase the value of your £20.00 subscription by £5.54 if you pay tax.

I wish the **Robert Louis Stevenson Club** to treat all subscriptions and donations I have made since 6 April 2000, and any I make in the future until otherwise notified, as Gift Aid donations.

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer. I understand that the amount of income tax and capital gains tax I am charged in any tax year is at least equal to the tax which will be reclaimed on my donations in that tax year.

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Address.....

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Signature of Member.....

Date.....

*Please ensure you have completed the Membership Application Form on the reverse. Thank you.*

**Notes:**

1. You can cancel this Declaration at any time by notifying the Treasurer of the Club – it will then not apply to subscriptions or donations on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Club reclaims on your subscriptions/donations in the tax year.
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the Club reclaims, you can cancel your Declaration (see note 1).
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment Tax Return.
5. Please notify the Club if you change your name or address while the Declaration is still in force.
6. If you are unsure whether your subscriptions/donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, contact the Treasurer or ask your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.



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